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## IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: Cesar Z. Lina, et al.	§	Attorney Docket No:
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Assignee: Kinetic Concepts, Inc.	§	
	§	Examiner: Ruhl, D.
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	§	Group Art Unit: 3308
Filed: August 22, 1995	§	
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Title: WOUND THERAPY DEVICE	§	
AND RELATED METHODS	§	

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COMMISSIONER OF PATENTS  
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Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

This is in response to the Office Action dated October 9, 1996. An appropriate request for extension of time is attached.

In The Claims

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Amended) A therapeutic [apparatus] combination for [stimulating] promoting wound healing [of a wound] in mammals, comprising:

a porous pad which is permeable to fluids for positioning within a sealable space defined in part by a wound surface [introduction into the wound and secured in the wound by a dressing covering the wound and providing an air-tight seal around the wound and said pad];

a tube having a first end in fluid communication with said porous pad;

a canister for collecting fluids sucked through said tube, said canister being connected in fluid communication with a second end of said tube which is opposite the first end of said tube [from the wound connected to said pad through a drainage tube; and];

a suction pump for applying negative pressure to said tube, said suction pump being fluidically [the wound] connected to said canister through a hose; and